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SUBJ: US/EC CONSULTATIONS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD DREW AMBASSADOR ASIDE AT DIPLOMATIC FUNCTION LAST NIGHT, FRIDAY MARCH 21, TO SAY EC NINE WERE "WORRIED ABOUT SOME ASPECTS OF THE US ECONOMY AND THE EFFECTS ON THE COMMUNITY". IN WHAT WE INTERPRET AS AN ADVANCE TIPOFF, FITZGERALD SAID THE NINE WOULD PROBABLY BE ASKING FOR A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH THE U.S. DURING THE LAST PART OF APRIL IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS. IN THE MEANTIME, ACCORDING TO FITZGERALD, THE NINE WOULD BE MEETING AMONG THEMSELVES (LEVEL UNSPECIFIED) DURING APRIL, MOST PROBABLY AROUND APRIL 10-15, TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC
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ECONOMIC TOPICS THEY WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOR CONSULTATION.

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2. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE INFORMATION AND INQUIRED HYPOTHETICALLY WHETHER, IF A SENIOR ECONOMIC FIGURE IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAPPEN TO BE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PRIOR TO THE INTERNAL EC DISCUSSIONS, FITZGERALD WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS INFORMALLY AND PRIVATELY WITH HIM. FITZGERALD REPLIED THAT, IF THAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO OCCUR, BOTH HE AND FINANCE MINISTER RICHIE RYAN WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SUCH A BASIS.

3. COMMENT: FITZGERALD IS BY PROFESSION AN ECONOMIST AND WE UNDERSTAND HAS ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE RESPECT IN THE EC ON ECONOMIC MATTERS AND IS ACCORDINGLY INFLUENTIAL. IF IT WERE POSSIBLE THAT A SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICIAL COULD MAKE THE TRIP, WE THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. (F.Y.I. FITZGERALD WILL BE IN THE SOUTH OF FRANCE FOR TEN DAYS - TWO WEEKS COMMENCING MARCH 26). MOORE UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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